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SUBJECT: JULY 15 PRESS ROUNDUP
PLEASE PASS TO AMB PAUL C. WARNE
1. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR IN EDITORIAL ON NEUTRON BOMB
CITED "CRUCIAL ISSUE OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION," SAYING "IF
U.S. SAYS THERE IS NOW 'USABLE' NUCLEAR WEAPON THAT CAN BE
ADDED TO NATO'S DEFENSE, WHAT DOES THIS SAY TO HUNDRED
NATIONS THAT SIGNED NONPROLIFERATION TREATY? THEY FORE-
SWORE NUCLEAR ARMS ON GROUNDS THEY WERE DOOMSDAY WEAPON
THAT COULD NEVER BE USED ANYWAY IN REGIONAL CONFLICTS.
WOULD DEPLOYMENT OF 'LIMITED RANGE' BOMB INTENSIFY DRIVE
FOR NUCLEAR ARSENALS? STILL ANOTHER CONSIDERATION IS
EFFORT TO ACHIEVE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. IF
MR. CARTER DECIDES TO PURSUE NEUTRON BOMB THIS COULD SPUR
SOVIET UNION TO SOME COMPENSATORY MOVE THAT WOULD SLOW TEST
BAN NEGOTIATIONS- AND WHILE NEUTRON BOMB IS TACTICAL
WEAPON AND THEREFORE DOES NOT CONCERN SALT TALKS, PRESIDENT
ADMITS IT WOULD HAVE 'MARGINALLY NEGATIVE' IMPACT ON THESE
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NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL. IN SHORT, PRESIDENT ONCE AGAIN HAS
DIFFICULT DECISION TO MAKE. IN ABSENCE OF CLASSIFIED
INFORMATION AND COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT, LAYMAN MUST
TRUST ;IM TO DO WHAT HE REGARDS TO BE IN MANKIND'S BEST
INTEREST. OBVIOUSLY HE NEEDS TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL FOR HE
IS DEALING WITH PIECE OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH (UNLIKE B-ONE
BOMBER) COULD MAKE NUCLEAR WAR MORE LIKELY. IF HE COMES UP

WITH CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT NEUTRON BOMB WOULD SERVE AS MORE OF DETERRENT THAN EXISTING WEAPONS, IT IS AN OPTION AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD NO DOUBT SUPPORT. IF NOTHING ELSE, HOWEVER, NEUTRON BOMB HAS HELPED FOCUS ATTENTION ON FACT THAT SHOULD NEVER BE FORGOTTEN -- IDIOTY AND HORROR OF WAR."

2. SENATOR JOHN HEINZ IN LETTER PUBLISHED IN PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER SAID "... AS NATION, WE ALSO HAVE VITAL INTEREST IN CURBING CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR ARMS RACE THROUGHOUT WORLD. HERE TOO, NEUTRON BOMB RAISES QUESTIONS: WILL U.S. BE ABLE TO DISSUADE MANY DEVELOPING NATIONS THAT WANT TO JOIN NUCLEAR CLUB FROM 'FIRST GENERATION' TECHNOLOGY WHEN THIS COUNTRY IS WELL ON ITS WAY TO OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT OF 'SECOND GENERATION' NUCLEAR WEAPONS? AND HOW WILL DEPLOYMENT OF NEUTRON WEAPONS AFFECT CHANCES OF MUTUAL BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS WITH WARSAW PACT NATIONS? IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKDROP OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS THAT IT SEEMS TO ME VERY WRONG INDEED TO COMMIT OURSELVES TO NEUTRON WEAPONS.;

3. BALTIMORE SUN PUBLISHED ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH STATING THAT STATE DEPARTMENT HAD REJECTED AS "FALSE AND TENDENTIOUS, REPORT THAT U.S. HAS BEEN HELPING SOUTH AFRICA STOCKPILE ARSENAL OF WEAPONS IN VIOLATION OF 1963 U.N. EMBARGO. REPORT WAS BASED ON TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY UNCLASSIFIED

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BY SEAN GERVASI, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA. MR. GERVASI ALLEGED THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S ARMS SUPPLIERS INCLUDE U.S., BRITAIN AND ITALY AND TO LESSER EXTENT FRANCE. HE CONTENDED SOUTH AFRICA'S ARMS STOCKPILE EXCEEDS THREE BILLION DOLLARS.

4. WASHINGTON POST EDITORIAL WRITER STEPHEN S. ROSENFIELD SAID "ADMINISTRATION IS AT CRITICAL POINT IN ITS SOVIET POLICY." HE SAID EARLY DASH AND MOMENTUM 'PUT MOSCOW INTO SOMETHING OF TIZZY,' BUT MOSCOW HAS GATHERED ITSELF 'AND IS COUNTERATTACKING, TRYING TO GET WEST EUROPEANS AND AMERICAN LIBERALS TO INDUCE CARTER TO BACK DOWN. SO IT IS CARTER ADMINISTRATION THAT IS CURRENTLY ON DEFENSIVE. THAT MUCH IS ADMITTED BY SOME OF OFFICIALS MOST DEEPLY INVOLVED. BUT ADMINISTRATION STILL THINKS IT CAN GET ACROSS TO RUSSIANS THAT THEY HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN ARMS CONTROL, WITH U.S.' ROSENFIELD NOTED, 'MOSCOW IS KEEPING ITS HAND IN VARIOUS TALKS: COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, INDIAN OCEAN, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SALT ON TECHNICAL LEVEL. SALT IS ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE BIG GAME, AND VANCE-GROMYKO DISCUSSIONS

SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER IN VIENNA ARE REGARDED AS FIRST TEST
OF HOW RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW REALLY GO." VANCE

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